

Applicants have cancelled Claim 6 and replaced the same with new Claim 14 which is of the same scope as original Claim 1.

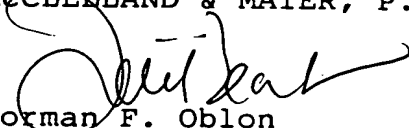
Claims 8, 9 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112.

However, in view of the above amendment, it is believed that this ground of rejection is now moot.

Accordingly, in view of all of the above amendments and attendant remarks, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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